

The Power of Pentecost

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WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MAY 19, 2013

Solemnity of Pentecost Zesłanie Ducha Świętego

May 19, 2013

Rite: 9:00am Deacon Missal

First reading: Acts 2:1-11

Psalm: 104:1,24,29-31,34

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

Pentecost Sequence

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Intention: For the health and healing of all on our prayer list.

Worship leader: 9:00am Rev. Mr. Robert Shovah

Lector: Claudia Bertasso

- Worship begins at 8:50am with Matins.
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9am
- Coffee Hour – please join us
- Parish Committee Meeting

Solemnity of the Holy Trinity Święto Trójcy Przenajświętejszej

May 26, 2013

Rite: 9:00am Deacon Missal

First reading: Proverbs 8:22-31

Psalm: Ps 8:4-9

R. O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

Epistle: Romans 5:1-5

Gospel: John 16:12-15

Intention: For all who have served and sacrificed for our country

Worship leader: 9:00am Rev. Mr. James Konicki

Lector: Larry Panfil

- Worship begins at 8:50am with Matins.
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9am
- Coffee hour – please join us
- Soup on Sunday, 11:30am

“It is proper and right to sing to You, bless You, praise You, thank You and worship You in all places of Your dominion; for You are God ineffable, beyond comprehension, invisible, beyond understanding, existing forever and always the same; You and Your only begotten Son and Your Holy Spirit” – St. John Chrysostom

Sick Calls and Hospital Visits – Please know that hospitals will not advise parishes when an individual is admitted. Health confidentiality regulations prevent them from doing so. If someone is admitted please let Deacon Jim know so he might visit, pray with them, and bring Jesus’ healing presence to them. Parishioners in need of anointing should contact Fr. Mark Gnidzinski at 518-437-1889.

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Upcoming...

- May 17-19: 68th Annual YMSofR/PNCC Bowling Tourney
- May 18: Rummage and Bake Sale
- May 19: Pentecost Sunday, 9am
- May 23: Commemoration of Jerome Savonarola
- May 25: Baptism at 1pm
- May 26: Trinity Sunday, 9am
- May 27: Memorial Day – Cemetery Service at 10am
- May 30: Corpus Christi
- May 31-June 2: PolishFest in Latham
- June 2: Sunday within the Octave of Corpus Christi

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Deacon Jim will be away from the parish on May 5th and 19th and June 2nd and 16th. To ensure consistency of worship, Fr. Rafal Dadello and Deacon Bob Shovah will serve us on these dates at 9AM.

All Sunday services in May and June will be at 9AM

I have no energy.

I feel the power.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit... The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Pentecost, unless it falls very late, generally occurs within allergy season. If you have seasonal allergies you know that they cause the typical sneezing, coughing, itchy eyes. An overlooked side effect is feeling exhausted.

Allergies aren't the only reason for exhaustion. American society is one of the most productive on earth. We work-work-work and we don't see many people imitating the seven dwarves as they sing their way to work. Beyond work itself workers face a dilemma – whether to rest, take time off, or take a vacation. The current work environment looks at time-off as a sign of not being

needed. If you're not missed while you are away you may come back to a pink slip. Without time-off, without the balanced life we need, we live exhausted.

It is ironic that when Pentecost rolls around, and we reflect on the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit, many of us are just plain exhausted. We think – wow, it would be great to have the power of the Holy Spirit, that energy that drove the apostles and disciples to conquer the earth for faith in Jesus.

As we lay in bed in the morning our prayer to the Holy Spirit may well be, Spirit, help me get out of bed. Then we lay there and perhaps feel guilty, perhaps feeling that we either missed out on or lost those great gifts of the Spirit; even the energy to get up.

What scripture teaches about the Holy Spirit is important to us.

We learn that as Christians we have received the gift of the Holy

Spirit. The Spirit dwells in each of us and is constantly filling us with love, inspiration, and very unique gifts – the *variety of gifts given to each person for a good purpose.*

The Spirit lives in us and listens to us. It is not a one-way conversation, the Spirit prompting us to do things but ignoring what we have to say. The Spirit takes what we say, and even what we cannot articulate, and brings those as prayers and petitions before the Father. As a result we get help.

Key to all of this is trust. Jesus told the Pharisees that the only unforgivable sin was to speak against the Holy Spirit. This is not literal – like saying the Holy Spirit is a bad guy. It is a failure to see and acknowledge the good the Spirit is doing, to trust the obvious power of the Spirit in our lives with Christ. This Pentecost we may feel exhausted, but we must trust that the Spirit is with us, giving us the gifts we need to do good, hearing our prayer, filling us with power!

And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high.

Luke 24:49

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: John 3:6-8

MONDAY: Micah 3:8

TUESDAY: 2 Corinthians 5:17

WEDNESDAY: John 3:5

THURSDAY: 1 John 4:2

FRIDAY: 1 John 5:7

SATURDAY: 1 Corinthians 2:12

Pray

Holy Spirit, fill me with Your love, enlighten my heart and my mind so that I may love as Jesus taught.

Do you remember?

On the day of your Confirmation you received the gift of the Holy Spirit in the very same way Christians have since the time of the apostles, by the laying on of hands and anointing. Then you stood before your family, friends, priest, and bishop – the entire community of faith – and made this promise:

On this solemn day of my life – the day on which I received the Sacrament of Confirmation – I publically declare before Almighty God, His Holy Church, and all here present that I shall be a faithful member of Christ's Church.

Strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Ghost:

I promise – To do all in my power to live according to the Commandments of God, and fulfill His Holy Will.

I promise – To avoid sin, the occasion of sin and evil companionship.

I promise – To remember always, and in all places, that I am a member of the Polish National Catholic Church, and to faithfully fulfill all my obligations towards this Church.

So help me God, one in the blessed Trinity and all the Saints. Amen.

Rummage Sale Thank You

Our annual rummage and bake sale was held yesterday. Thank you to all who donated generously, made baked goods, worked on setting up, and staffed the sale. We are so blessed because as our generosity grows it spreads good throughout our community. God takes our work and sacrifice and works miracles with them. God bless YOU!!!

Music, Kurs, more

Applications are now available for summer events including the Acolyte Retreat, KURS (June 29-July 6), the National United Choirs music workshop. Also remember the annual YMSofR Zlot/Track and Field Tournament. See Deacon Jim and sign-up.

SOUP on Sunday & a movie

Our next Soup on **Sunday is May 26th** at 11:30am. Please be sure to invite friends, family, and everyone you know to partake every month. There is no cost or charge for this meal. This service opens our home to all in need of a little company, a warm meal, and the love of Christ.

Today, May 19th, there will be a showing of "A Place at the Table," a movie that looks at the lives of three families who face hunger and what can be done to end hunger. What we do here with Soup on Sunday does make a difference. The movie will be shown at Emmanuel-Friedens Church, 218 Nott Terr., Schenectady at 2pm.

Of note...

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Kay Kaminski, Joseph and Lee Callahan, Tom Caulfield, Debbie Urban, Ann Marie Riley, George Williams, Diane Avellino, Laura Covari, Ellen Carey, Connie Cola, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Carol Kosik, Eddy Stutz, Jim Kelly, Phil Haberman, Stanley Radzysinski, Joseph Lyman, Sandy Davis, Erin Smith, Margaret Bondi, Sharon Nasner, Dan, Kym, Maggie and Hannah Bucham, Ray Callanan, Jeannie Christopher, Connie Gigliotti, Joe Avellino, Jan Shufelt, Deanna Colfels, Cathy France, Patty Martel-Baum, Rick Rodino, Judy Springer, Deb Cousins, Judy Palmer, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Luke Sobiechowski, Mark McCarthy, Bonnie Nelson, Rosemary Ragule, Lisa Caporizzo, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Judy Held, Stefan Węglinski, Janet Spurck, Joannie True, Robert Dominy, Patricia Lewis, Peter Loss, Wayne Balnis, Louie Perkinson, Laurie Speech, Gary Wilkinson, Jakub Kozina, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley Bilinski, George Damouni, Chris, James McGrath, Brian Soos, Mary Ellen Hitchings, Frances Myslinski, Jean Nowak, Fr. Senior John Kraus, David Wielinski, Edward Glover, Tamara Albury, Melissa Dixon, Virginia Lamb.

- All in need of God's healing grace.
- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States.
- All those in Public Service, Police Officers and Fire Fighters.
- All Active And Retired Clergy of the Holy Polish National Catholic Church.
- All who have asked for our prayers.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in our Holy Polish National Catholic Church. This week we remember: Saints Cyril & Methodius Parish in Perth-Amboy, NJ its congregation and pastor, Fr. Mariusz Zochowski.

Bless them, O Lord!
Pobłogosław im, O Boże!

Coffee Hour: Spend some time after services to share in community and fellowship. Thank you to Ed Bertasso and God bless you for your ministry of hospitality in providing for this time to gather after services every week.

Parish Organizations: Did you know that our Parish has many organizations that need you? The YMSofR - Men's Society of the Resurrection Branch 56, ANS - Women's Adoration Society, Choir, Parish Committee, and a hopefully reconstituted branch of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. See Deacon Jim.